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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 7 CATS4 Assessments - Week Beginning Monday 12 October 2020**

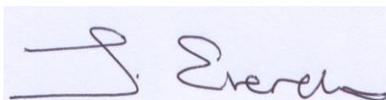
As the Campus Lead of our Mill Road site, I wanted to share with you the fantastic start that our students in Year 7 have made at Plume Academy. They have shown an excellent attitude and great enthusiasm, along with a friendly positivity, that has already put them in good stead for the future. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome them into the academy and we are delighted to have seen them settle in so quickly, even during these changing and challenging times. They are very much a credit to you as parents and we very much appreciate your positive communications and support so far too.

I am also writing to clarify that in the first half-term for each of our Year 7 students, we routinely carry out a benchmarking set of assessments. These are called CATS4. It is important to note that these assessments cannot be revised for as they are not content based tests. Therefore, we would like to advise at this early stage in the academic year students do not have any preparatory work to complete for these assessments.

We will use the ensuing results, along with teacher assessments that are carried out as part of our curriculum model, to ensure that we have as clear an academic profile of your child as possible. Tutors will also explain these assessments to your children and the specific lessons that they will take place in. Due to the current guidance to avoid mass gatherings, we have opted to conduct the tests in classroom bases and these will take place during some of the Performing Arts timetabled lessons. Please be reassured that staff will be present to guide and support the students through the whole process and by using the classroom base, students will feel more comfortable and will be familiar with the seating plans.

If you have any questions regarding the CATS4 assessments, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Rattenbury.

Yours sincerely,



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